

 <p>CD-172900</p>	<p>NEW MEXICO CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT</p> <p>"We commit to the safety and well-being of the people of New Mexico by doing the right thing, always." Courage Responsibility Ethics Dedication - CREDibly serving the public safety of New Mexico</p>	
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	<p>TITLE: Elevated Needs Unit</p>	

AUTHORITY:

- A. NMSA 1978, Section 33-1-6, as amended.
- B. Policy *CD-010100*.

REFERENCE:

- A. Policy *CD-172800*
- B. Policy *CD-080100*

PURPOSE:

To establish effective care programs that meet the needs of inmates who have physical limitations that restrict them from general population.

APPLICABILITY:

All inmates and staff of the New Mexico Corrections Department.

FORMS:

- A. **Elevated Needs Unit Assessment Plan** form (*CD-172901.1*)

ATTACHMENTS:

None

DEFINITIONS:

- A. Classification Committee: For purposes of this policy:

Committee shall be composed of the Unit Manager or Classification Supervisor, as well as a security representative, Sergeant or above.

If a Unit Manager or Classification Supervisor is not available; a classification officer with over one year of experience in classification may serve on the Classification Committee as acting Classification Supervisor. If a Sergeant or above is not available, a Correctional Officer may serve as acting Sergeant.

- B. Elevated Needs Unit (ENU): A comprehensive program of care for inmates who need assistance with physical health. The goal of the Elevated Needs Unit is to allow quality of life to the greatest extent possible.
- C. Inmate Companion: Inmate assigned to provide companionship to inmates assigned to the Elevated Needs Unit, and to perform other duties as assigned.
- D. Multi-Disciplinary Treatment Team (MDTT): A team of facility personnel comprised of the following: Deputy Warden, Unit Manager, Administrative Captain, Director of Nursing, Physician and Behavior Health Psychologist.
- E. Unit Management Team (UMT): The staff and employees assigned responsibilities within the unit, including treatment, security, programs and support staff that work together to perform the essential functions of the unit, fostering communications, team work and cooperation within the prison.

POLICY:

- A. Inmates eligible for the ENU
1. Inmates who suffer from chronic infirmity.
 2. Inmates who are eligible for classification custody level override from III to II.
- B. Inmates not eligible for ENU
1. Inmates convicted for 1st degree murder.
 2. Inmates found guilty of misconduct within the last 12 months.
 3. Inmates who, as determined by the MDTT or Warden, are likely to evoke an adverse public reaction or present an undue risk of harm to the public.



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PROCEDURES:

A. Referrals to ENU

1. Inmate must initially be placed in the Long Term Care Unit (LTCU) for evaluation.
2. The Director of Nursing (DON), in conjunction with the site physician, shall determine referral for this program and the appropriateness of placing the inmates in the ENU.
3. The MDTT of the ENU will complete an interview process with each inmate deemed appropriate for placement.
4. The MDTT will make the decision for placement into the ENU.
5. The decision to place the inmate into ENU will be forwarded to the Warden for final approval. The Warden may deny placement into ENU if an approved placement may evoke an adverse public reaction or present on an undue risk of harm to the public.
6. Upon Classification Committee approval, an **Elevated Needs Unit Assessment Plan** form (*CD-172901.1*) will be completed by the UMT. The plan may be modified at any time, and will be reviewed every six (6) months.

B. Removal from ENU

An inmate may be removed from the ENU if their condition improves or an institutional/public safety threat emerges, as determined by the MDTT.



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Inmate Name: _____ NMCD#: _____ Date: _____

Date of Warden's approval for placement: _____

Warden's Signature approving placement: _____

1. What type of medical care available within NMCD institutions best describes the inmate's needs?

- Placement into a Elevated Needs Unit
- Placement into the Long Term Care Unit
- Placement into General Population

Comments:

Director of Nursing (attach additional supporting documentation as necessary)

Physician (attach additional supporting documentation as necessary)

Behavioral Health Psychologist

2. Does it appear that there are resources available to support the above plan?

- Available appropriate bed space at the ENU facility that meets the inmate's needs
- Available Inmate Companion, if needed

Comments:

Unit Manager

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Deputy Warden

- 3. Does the inmate currently pose a threat to the security of the institution, public safety, or is likely to evoke an adverse public reaction to continued placement in the ENU? Has the inmate been found guilty of misconduct within the last 12 months?**

Comments:

Unit Manager (attach additional supporting documentation as necessary)

Administrative Captain (attach additional supporting documentation as necessary)

- 4. What types of programs is the inmate capable of participating in?**

Comments:

Unit Manager

Classification Officer
